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I) AGRICULTURE

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The administration of agricultural [redacted] GALATI

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enterprises is located in a former house in Strada Nicolai Street.

It includes a number of technico-administrative offices, etc, in which some fifteen persons are employed.

The director is a peasant known as a loyal Communist. [redacted]

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[redacted] He is assisted by a technical director - agriculturist

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The director is frequently replaced, sometimes by a former mechanic or a former baggage porter - often illiterate but a tried and true Communist.

The administration includes a number of farm enterprises composed of expropriated lands combined in units of 500 to 2,000 hectares.

In each enterprise, headed by a director chosen according to the criteria described above, there are a number of peasants employed, usually not from the locality but from other enterprises.

All the produce is sent to warehouses without any distribution to the peasants who receive monthly wages and ration tickets.

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like any other worker.

Each enterprise has a collective mess and quarters for most families.

Old farm houses have been adapted to this purpose, and new buildings have been created in every enterprise for communal quarters.

Many stalls have been made over and enlarged, and some new ones ~~have been~~ built to house a large number of draft animals.

But, in fact, comparatively little new has been done. In general, only the rebuilding work has been finished.

There is plenty of farm machinery which explains the higher rate of production — entirely for Russia's benefit since she carries off most of the produce.

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2) INDUSTRIES

Textile works called "Atlantic" in GALATI

Traian Street.

1,500 workers, including many women,

are employed here.

Textileworks located in the Street of the GALATI

Republic

About 11,000 workers are employed in 3

shifts.

The total output of these textile works

is sent to Russia.

3) POLITICAL INFORMATION

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I) PUBLIC OPINION AND TRENDS

[redacted] the majority GALATI

of the Rumanian population is against the system imposed on the country by the Communist regime. Because of the poor pay, the worker, unable to earn enough for the necessities of life, even on a very modest scale, as a return for his work, is tired and discouraged, knowing that nothing can change this state of affairs. This situation, ugly as it is for the worker, is still worse for the peasant, who does not even have the distractions an inhabited center can offer. He is compelled to live in the country where there is nothing for him but work which has no time limits and must be done in any weather.

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with wages which cannot provide even the necessary food and clothing, the peasant practically sees the fruits of his labors carried off by Russians leaving very little for the Rumanian people, which feels itself exploited without getting anything in exchange.

Now the peasant is bemoaning the days of the gentleman landowner. This is true not only of the old people but also of the young people who, at first, believed in the ~~goodness of~~ the ideas of equality and fraternity, but have now discovered, to their cost, the practical meaning of the words equality and fraternity.

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[redacted] both

workers and peasants see no other

solution than a new war to put an

end to this state of affairs

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both moral and material, imposed on the country

and maintained by terror

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